Reinstatement of terminated employees in EIL

2267. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have written to various PSUs under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for absorption of more then 300 contract employees/engineers terminated by Engineers India Limited (EIL); and

(b) if so, what is the response of each PSUs, PSU-wise, and by when all the terminated employees will be re-instated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The contract engineers, who were recruited for specified period to meet the short term requirement, have been released on completion of contract period/extended period or foreclosure of contract as per terms and conditions of their appointment.

On the advice of this Ministry, EIL had sent the bio-data of 297 ex-contract engineers to ten public sector undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of this Ministry and seven other concerned PSUs to consider appointment of these ex-contract engineers, provided they meet necessary qualifications. However, as per information available, none of these ex-contract engineers has yet been appointed.

Expenditure on IOC outlets

2268. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of retail outlets of IOC in the country, state-wise and abroad;

(b) the expenses incurred on setting up of these outlets;